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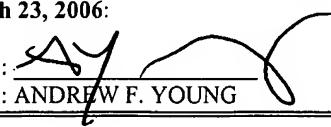
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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Transmitted herewith:

1. Response to Notification of Missing Requirement w/Request for extension of time and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0100 (1 page).
2. Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventor.
3. Translation of application into English with certification thereof.
4. Preliminary Amendment.
5. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements (2 pages).
6. Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 form.

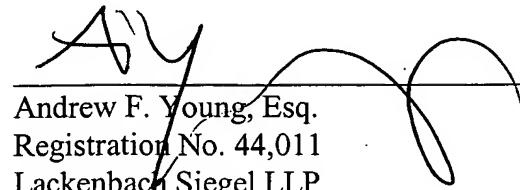
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$795.00 (small entity) for the four-month extension of time, and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 10-0100**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENT; REQUEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

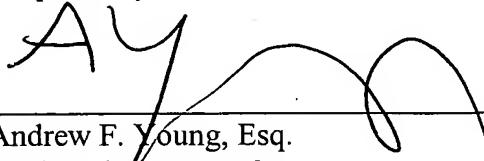
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated September 23, 2005 in the above-identified application, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and translation of the application into English in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. Applicant also submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the application in accordance with the enclosed Preliminary Amendment prior to examination.

Applicant also requests a four-month extension of time to response to the notification. With the granting of the four-month extension of time the period to respond will now expire on March 23, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$795.00 (small entity) for the four-month extension of time, and any additional fees, which may be required with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0100.

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/22/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/22/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/22/2004
- Oath or Declaration filed on 12/22/2004
- Small Entity Statement filed on 12/22/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 12/22/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/22/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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